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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN AID TO LEBANON

1. DURING CALL BY CHARGE ON PRIME MINISTER KARAME MARCH 2 LATTER STATED THAT SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT HAD JUST PRESENTED CHECKS FOR DOLS 10 MILLION AS A GRANT TO LEBANON FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CIVIL DISTURBANCES. THIS GIFT INCIDENTALLY COMES ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF A PERSONAL GIFT TO KARAME OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1.7 MILLION FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO KARAME'S NATIVE CITY OF TRIPOLI.

2. KARAME REMARKED THAT, WHILE SAUDI CONTRIBUTION OF DOLS 10 MILLION WAS MOST WELCOME AND WAS A SIGN OF TRADITIONAL SAUDI GENEROSITY, LEBANON WAS IN NEED OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IF NOT BILLIONS (PRESUMABLY IN TERMS OF LEBASESE POUNDS) OF LONG-TERM, LOW INTEREST CREDIT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ECONOMY. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SAUDI ARABIA AS A SOURCE FOR PROVIDING SUCH CREDIT AT LEAST IN PART.

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